THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The performance of Indian athletes has improved in the Doha Asian Games 2006, in which total of 54 medals were won against 36 medals in the Busan Asian Games, 2002. While the efforts of the medal winning athletes were, indeed, highly commendable, their individual efforts were sustained by the collective efforts of National Sports Federations, coaches, auxiliary personnel, and support from the sports Authority of India and the Government of India.

(b) government is aware of remarks, both favourable and otherwise, made by participating athletes.

(c) A comprehensive Sports Policy, to improve upon the existing National Sports Policy 2001, is under preparation.

Arrangements for Commonwealth Games

†3185. SHRI JAY PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangements made so far as to maintain law and order during Commonwealth Games in the year 2010;

(b) whether all metro routes are likely to be made operational till the year 2010 for streamlining transport system in Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to provide special training to taxi and auto-rickshaw drivers of Delhi to make them conversant in having better communication with foreign guests; and

(d) the details of accommodation, food transport and catering facilities to be provided to tourists during the hosting of Commonwealth Games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Government have constituted a Commonwealth Games Security Review Committee in the Ministry of Home Affairs for formulating security schemes and making security arrangements for the proposed Commonwealth Games, 2010.

At the level of the government of NCT of Delhi, the Lt. Governor has been entrusted with the overall responsibility for security and law and order.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Yes, Sir. All the routes planned in Phase-II are likely to be made operational by the year 2010 for streamlining the transport system in Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of NCT of Delhi through its Transport and Tourism Department, and in consultation with the Delhi Transport and Tourism Development Corporation, will take action in this regard at the appropriate time.

(d) Various sites for hotels in and around Delhi in the National Capital Region have been identified by the agencies concerned for the development of additional tourist and hotel accommodation. These arrangements will be supplemented by the Bed and Breakfast Scheme of the Government of the NCT of Delhi. The transport system will also be suitably upgraded by providing additional modern low floor shuttle buses to link the airport, hotels, stadia and tourist spots and for park-and-ride facilities, as well as quality Radio Taxis, parking facilities around the stadia, renovation/development of the Inter-State Bus Terminals and signanges, etc.

Integrated hospital of sports medicine

3186. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an integrated hospital of sports medicine;

(b) if so, the broad features of this hospital and its projected location; and

(c) whether it is projected to be completed before the commonwealth Games of 2010?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.